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a tread band applied to the belt structure at a circumferentially outer position thereof; and at least one pair of sidewalls applied to the carcass structure at laterally opposite positions;

wherein each elongated section of the carcass structure substantially lies in a plane parallelly offset relative to a meridian plane of the carcass structure so that the crown portion of each elongated section is oriented, with respect to a radial reference plane passing through a transition region between the crown portion and at least one corresponding side portion, at an angle of a different value from an inclination exhibited by the at least one corresponding side portion.--

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment together with a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

In this Amendment, Applicants add section headings, section subheadings, and an Abstract of the Disclosure to conform to U.S. practice. Additionally, Applicants add claims to the right of priority and benefit. Further, Applicants cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-29, and add new claims 30-58, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity. The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the specification and the addition of new claims 30-58. No new matter was introduced.

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